

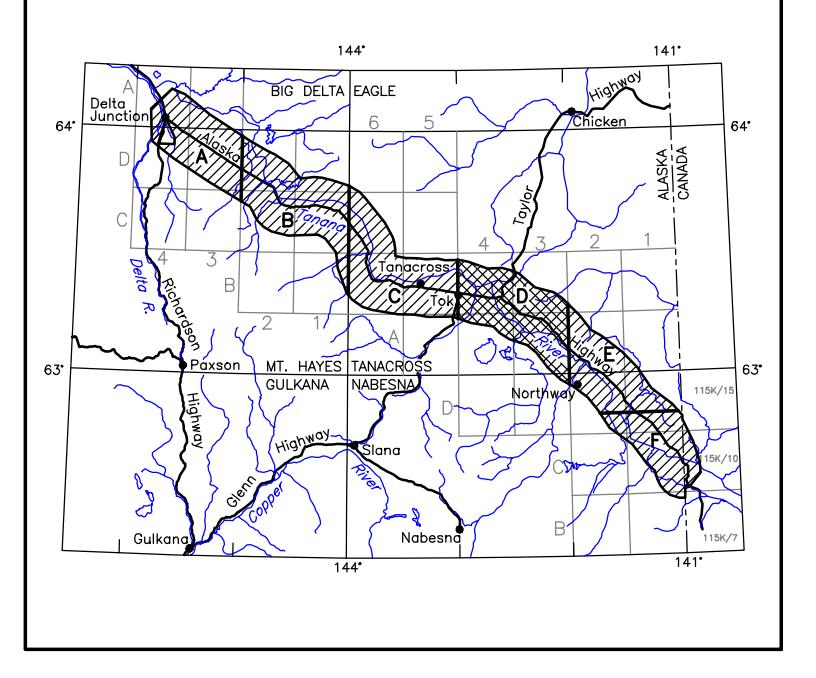
400 Hz COPLANAR APPARENT RESISTIVITY OF THE ALASKA HIGHWAY CORRIDOR, EAST-CENTRAL ALASKA

PARTS OF NABESNA AND TANACROSS QUADRANGLES

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DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

The geophysical data were acquired with a RESOLVE Electromagnetic (EM) system and a Scientex cesium magnetometer. The EM and magnetic sensors were flown in a fixed-wing aircraft. During each flight, the survey recorded data from a radar altimeter, GPS receiver, Global Positioning System (GPS), and video camera. Flights were performed using AS350B-2 and AS350B-3 Squirrel helicopters at a fixed terrain clearance of 100 feet along NW-SE (350°) survey flight lines with a spacing of approximately 1000 feet. Cross lines were flown perpendicular to the flight lines at intervals of approximately 1000 feet.

An Agincourt G2020 NAVSTAR / GLONASS Global Positioning System was used for navigation. The helicopter position was derived every 0.5 seconds using a Kalman filter to provide a position to a relative accuracy of better than 5 m. Flight path position was recorded every 0.5 seconds at 1000 m using a centimeter inertial reference at 14° north constant altitude of 0 and an east constant of 300±0.002. Positional accuracy of the presented data is better than 10 m, with respect to the UTM grid.

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RESISTIVITY

The RESOLVE EM system measured inphase and quadrature components at six frequencies. One vertical coaxial coil-pair and one horizontal coaxial coil-pair and two horizontal coplanar coil-pairs operated at 400, 1800, 8200, 40000, 100000, and 200000 Hz with a 0.1 second interval. The EM system responds to bedrock conductors and surface and near-surface point sources. Apparent resistivity is generated from the inphase and quadrature component of the coplanar 400 Hz signal using a modified Akima (1970) model. The data were interpolated onto a regular 80 m grid using a modified Akima (1970) technique.

Akima, H., 1970, A new method of curve fitting based on local procedures, Journal of the Association of Computing Machinery, v. 17, no. 4, p. 402-408.

RESISTIVITY ALTITUDE LIMITS

In areas where the EM bird height exceeded 100 m, and the inphase and quadrature signals were below 3 ppm, the apparent resistivity value was set to 1000 ohmm. This avoids meaningless resistivity calculations due to small signals in areas where the helicopter flew higher to avoid cultural objects or for safety reasons.

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